GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INVOLVEMENT OF NRIS IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to involve the NRIs in the activities pertaining to rural development and empowerment of women;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard and the response of the NRIs thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS(SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): During the Sixth Pravasi Bharatiya Divas, 2008 held at New Delhi on 7th to 9th January, 2008, a Plenary Session on 'Diaspora Philanthropy: Empowerment of Rural Woman' was organized to discuss the modes of participation and the kind of Institutional support that the overseas Indians would require to channelise their philanthropic propensities for rural development and empowerment of women in India. A proposal to establish a 'not-for-profit' Foundation to channelise diasporic capital into India is under examination. This proposed Foundation will serve as a credible institutional mechanism to assist the Overseas Indians to contribute to the social causes including rural development and empowerment of rural women.